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— *Disley* —
Rural District Council.



Annual Report

— OF —

G. B. PEMBERTON, Esq.,

— Medical Officer of Health, —

FOR THE YEAR 1914.





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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1914

NEW MILLS,
March 24th, 1915.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE DISLEY
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting my Annual Report on the health of Disley for the year 1914:—

A.—NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Physical Features and General Character of the District.

Elevation of the District.—This varies from 340ft. (O.D.) at the river level to nearly 1,200ft. (O.D.) on the hill tops. The main road is 600ft.

The subsoil is generally clay, overlying the gritstone.

2. Population :

Census, 1901.	Census, 1911.	Population estimated to the middle of the year 1914.
2,827	2,958	3,002

The population has been estimated from the Census returns of 1901 and 1911, and by the method recommended by the Registrar-General.

Inhabited houses : Disley, 683 ; Furness Vale, 125.

New houses erected during the year, 13.

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are agricultural and textile.

The amount of Poor Law Relief during the year was £134 12s. 4d.

The Rateable Value was £18,360 0s. 0d.

The Assessable Value was £17,391 13s. 0d.

B.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.—This is, on the whole, satisfactory. The main supply is derived from the Stockport Corporation Waterworks. A water main is being laid to Higher Disley, where it is proposed to make a reservoir and erect pumping plant. Some few houses having water from private sources should be connected to the Stockport Corporation main.
2. Rivers and Streams.—These are polluted by trade effluents. Pollution is minimised by the supervision of the Mersey and Irwell Joint Committee and by the Rivers Inspector of the Cheshire County Council.

The undrained houses in the Newtown and Furness Vale portions of the district are a source of pollution.

3. Drainage and Sewerage.—For the greater part of Disley this is satisfactory. The sewer along the Jackson Edge Road has been extended a considerable distance.

The contract for the construction of sewers for the Newtown portion of the district is let.

The Furness Vale sewers are completed, but not yet connected. I consider the establishment of a proper system of sewers for these two districts is very essential. Objectionable Privy Middens should then be dispensed with, and the pollution of streams will cease.

Methods of Disposal of Sewage: Settling tanks and land filtration.

4. Closet Accommodation.—Approximate number of houses with:

Privy Middens.	Pail Closets.	Water Closets.
390	101	225

Number of houses converted from Privy Middens to Water Closets, 14.

Number of houses converted from Privy Middens to Pail Closets, 18.

Number of Dustbins substituted for Ashpits, 29.

5. Scavenging is done by the Council.
6. Sanitary Inspection of the District.—This has been satisfactory, as witnessed by the Sanitary Inspector's report. There were 1,018 inspections of houses, slaughter-houses, cowsheds, factories, workshops, etc.

The number of notices served was 153, i.e.:

Statutory Notices	73
Informal Notices	80

141 of these notices were complied with.

The defects or nuisances discovered chiefly appertained to privy middens, earth or pail closets, drainage, and dwelling-houses.

7. Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Byelaws or Regulations.—Houses let in lodgings.
8. Schools.—The Public Elementary Schools are supervised by the Cheshire County Council's School Medical Officer.
9. Food.

(a) Milk Supply.

Number of Dairies on Register.....	21.
Number of Cowsheds on Register...	21.

There has been frequent inspections of these, and notices served where necessary.

One case of Tuberculous milk was reported.

(b) Other Foods.

Action taken for detecting unsound food.

Number of inspections of premises where foods are prepared, stored, or exposed for sale.—51.

Number of articles condemned, other than meat.—None.

The condition of Bakehouses is satisfactory.

Meat is inspected regularly. No action has been taken under Section 117 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

The Slaughter-houses have been inspected on 35 occasions. Three informal notices were served for nuisances in Slaughter-houses, and were complied with.

10. Housing.—There are 830 houses in the district. Number of dwelling-houses inspected under Section 17 of the Act of 1909, 45. The chief defects found were want of through ventilation, and disrepair.

In 50 houses defects were remedied without the making of closing orders.

In conjunction with the County Medical Officer of Health I inspected a block of property at Gee Brow, Disley. Closure of two houses was recommended, and various alterations in the others suggested. I understand the matter is under the consideration of the Council.

11. Factories and Workshops.

1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops, and Workplaces.—There were 9 inspections of Factories, 28 of workshops, and 5 of Workplaces. 3 notices relating to defects were sent in the case of Factories and 4 in that of Workshops.
2. Defects found in Factories and Workshops.—Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—Want of Cleanliness, 2; remedied, 2. Unsuitable or Defective Sanitary Accommodation, 5; remedied, 4.
3. There is no Home Work in the district.
4. There are 13 Registered Workshops in the district.

C.—SANITARY ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Work of Inspector of Nuisances and other officers engaged in sanitary work.—This has been satisfactory. 1,018 inspections have been made by the Inspector of Nuisances.
2. Hospital Accommodation.—The Hyde Corporation Isolation Hospital is available for cases of Infectious Disease, and has met all requirements.
3. Chemical and Bacteriological work during the year.—Nil.

D.—PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER ACUTE INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

	Small-pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Puerperal Fever	Erysipelas	Tuberculosis
No. of Cases Notified.....		2	7				11
No. of Cases Removed to Hospital		1	4				
No. of Cases which ought to have been removed, but could not owing to lack of accommodation							
Return Cases							

Most of the cases of Diphtheria occurred in children attending the Newtown Council School. A few "carrier" cases were found and excluded from this School.

I have on several occasions asked you to provide Bacteriological aids to diagnosis of certain Infectious Diseases, as well as Antitoxin for cases of Diphtheria. I again take this opportunity to ask you to grant these facilities.

School intimations are utilized to prevent the spread of infection.

E.—PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER TUBERCULOSIS.

Eleven cases of Tuberculosis have been notified.

There were four deaths from Phthisis Pulmonalis.

The death rate per 1,000 from Phthisis was 1.3.

I have visited many of the cases of Tuberculosis, and taken note of any insanitation.

The farm on which Tuberculous milk was reported was visited by the Sanitary Inspector, and instructions given to remedy sanitary defects.

No arrangements have been made for the detection of unrecognised cases of Tuberculosis, associated with notified cases of the disease. No nurse has been appointed for above purpose.

The sanitary condition of patients' houses has been investigated. One case of insanitation was reported to the Council, and has been partially remedied. In other cases the patients were instructed how to make the premises more hygienic. Two cases remain in hand, and will be brought to your notice in due course.

Circulars on the hygienic aspect and treatment of the disease were distributed to the cases of Phthisis visited.

Shelters, sputum flasks, etc., have not been provided.

F.—INVESTIGATION OF OTHER DISEASES.

None call for special mention.

G.—MEANS FOR PREVENTING MORTALITY IN CHILDREN AND IN INFANTS.

The Midwives in the district have discharged their duties in accordance with the Regulations of the Central Midwives Board. I have inspected them frequently, and always found them scrupulously clean, and supplied with the necessary disinfectants, etc. Their registers are well kept.

The Notification of Births Act, 1907, has not been adopted.

H.—VITAL STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT.

Births.—53 Births were registered. This gives an annual Birth Rate of 17.65 per 1,000 persons living.

Deaths.—The nett Deaths belonging to the district were 29.

The recorded Death Rate for 1914 was 9.66 per 1,000 persons living.

Infantile Mortality.—There were 5 deaths of infants under one year of age. The Infantile Mortality figure was 94.3.

Vital Statistics of this district compared with those of the Rural Districts of Cheshire for the year 1913:—

The Birth Rate in the Disley Rural District, 17.65.

„ „ „ „ Rural Districts of Cheshire, 20.0.

The Death Rate in the Disley Rural District, 9.66.

„ „ „ „ Rural Districts of Cheshire, 11.12.

The Infantile Morality figure for Disley Rural District, 94.3.

The Infantile Mortality figure for Rural Districts of Cheshire, 77.0.

The Death Rate from Phthisis is much higher than it was last year.

The figure for the Disley Rural District was 1.3.

The figure for the whole county was 0.69.

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS.

There are more than twice as many Privy Middens and Pail Closets as there are Water Closets. There should be rapid conversion to the Water Carriage System when the sewerage for Furness Vale and Newtown is established.

I append the Sanitary Inspector's report, and the tables on Vital Statistics and Inspections required by the Local Government Board and the Cheshire County Council.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

G. B. PEMBERTON,

Medical Officer of Health.



Tabular Summary of Sanitary Work during 1914

I.—ADOPTIVE ACTS.

Which of the undernamed Acts is now in force in your district?

1. Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890.—No.
2. Notification of Births Act.—No.
3. Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, Part III.—No.
4. Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907.—No.
(State Sections in force.—None.)
5. Other Adoptive Acts.—None.

II.—BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

State subject matter of any new Bye-laws or Regulations brought into force during 1914. A copy of any new Bye-laws or Regulations would be acceptable.—None.

III.—MILK SUPPLY.

1. Number of Registered Premises at close of 1914:—

			Number inspected during 1914.
(a) Dairies	21	24
(b) Cowsheds	21	26
(c) Milkshops	0	0

2. Number of Notices served for non-compliance with Regulations.
3. Number of Legal Actions taken for non-compliance with Notices, &c.—None.

IV.—FOOD INSPECTION.

1. Is this systematically carried out in your district?—Meat inspected regularly.
2. Number of Slaughter-houses in your district:—

(a) Public	0
(b) Private	4

3. Number of inspections made of Slaughter-houses during 1914:

(a) Public	0
(b) Private	35

4. Are systematic inspections made of premises other than Slaughter-houses where food is produced or sold? If so, please state generally nature of premises so inspected.—
Yes; Bakehouses.

V.—WATER SUPPLY.

1. Have any extensions been carried out during 1914? If so please append brief note.—A water main is being laid to Higher Disley, where it is proposed to make a Reservoir and erect Pumping Plant.

2. Number of Samples analysed during 1914:

Chemically.—None.

Bacteriologically.—None.

3. Are any, and, if so, what parts of your district still without a proper supply of water?—Some few houses having water from private sources should be connected to the Stockport Corporation's main.

VI.—POLLUTION OF RIVERS AND STREAMS.

In your opinion are any rivers or streams in your district polluted, or likely to be polluted at times, by any of the following:—

(a) Public Sewage Disposal Works.—River Goyt. Not in the usual course of working.

(b) Private Sewage Disposal Works.—None.

(c) Solid matter (accumulations of cinders, refuse, sludge, &c.).—
None.

(d) House Drainage.—Houses that are not yet connected to the sewers.

(e) Manufacturing waste or effluents.—Three.

VII.—SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

1. Specify any new works of sewerage carried out during 1914.—
Furness Vale works completed, but not yet able to connect. The sewer along the Jackson Edge Road has been continued for 352½ yards. This has removed a rather serious nuisance.

2. Are any, and, if so, what parts of your district still without a proper system of sewers?—Newtown. Plans have been approved by the Local Government Board, and the contract for the works is let.
3. By what system is sewage disposed of?—Settling Tanks and Land Filtration.
4. Have there been any complaints to your knowledge during 1914 as to the disposal works?—None.
5. Have any alterations or extensions taken place to your knowledge in the disposal works during 1914?—None. Extensions are to be carried out during 1915 to provide for Newtown sewage.

VIII.—SCAVENGING.

1. By whom is this carried out?—The District Council.
2. Approximate number of the following in your district:—

			How frequently Scavenged?
(a) Midden-privies	390	...	When necessary.
(b) Dry Ashpits	230	...	Do.
(c) Pail Closets	96	...	Fortnightly.
(d) Dustbins	142	...	Do.
(e) Cesspools	—	...	—
3. Is the present system, in your opinion, inadequate in any respect?—Yes. More water Closets are required.

IX.—HOUSING.

1. Number of new houses built during 1914.—13.
2. Number of dwelling-houses inspected under S. 17, Act of 1909.—61.
3. Number of such houses considered unfit for habitation.—2.
4. Number of representations made to Local Authority.—2.
5. Number of closing orders made by Local Authority.—None.
6. Number of houses where defects remedied *without* closing orders being made.—50.
7. Number of houses where defects remedied *after* closing orders made.—None.

8. Estimated or ascertained number of houses within limits of rent in S. 14 of Act of 1909.—605.
9. Number of such houses in respect of which notice was served during 1914.—36.
10. Number of such houses closed after notice.—None.
11. Number of such houses where Local Authority has executed necessary repairs, &c.—None.
12. Approximate number of back-to-back houses in district.—9.
13. Approximate number of cellar dwellings in district.—None.

X.—TOWN PLANNING.

Has any scheme of Town Planning been put forward for your district or any part thereof? If so, please make brief note of (a) part of district covered by scheme.—None.

XI.—PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION.

Kindly state action taken during 1914 under following heads:—

1. Sanitary Inspection of patients' houses.—4.
2. Disinfection of ditto.—1.
3. Distribution of circulars containing advice.—4.
4. Action to prevent spitting.—No action beyond advice.
5. Supply of disinfectant.—When required.
6. Supply of sputum flasks, paper handkerchiefs, &c.—Nil.
7. Visitation by Nurses or Health Visitors.—Nil.

(Signed) G. B. PEMBERTON.

March 24th, 1915.

TABLE I.

DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1914 and previous Years.

YEAR.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Un-corrected Number	Nett.		Number.	Rate.	of Non-residents registered in the District.	of Residents not registered in the District	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Number	Rate					Number	Rate per 1000 nett Births.	Number.	Rate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1909	3407		55	16·4					4	72·7	35	10·2
1910	3480		70	20					2	27·5	32	9·1
1911	2958		55	18·5	41	13·8			2	36·3	50	16·9
1912	3078		74	24	38			4	3	40·5	42	13·6
1913	2988	67	67	22·4	29	9·7		5	4	59·7	34	11·37
1914	3002	53	53	17·65	28	9·3	3	4	5	94·3	29	9·66

Area of District in acres (land and inland water) 2,591. Total population at all ages, 2,958.

TABLE II.

DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1914.

Notifiable Disease.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.							
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.						
		Under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and up-wards
Small-pox								
Cholera (C) Plague (P)								
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	7			6			1	
Erysipelas								
Scarlet Fever	2		1	1				
Typhus Fever								
Enteric Fever								
Relapsing Fever (R) Continued Fever (C)								
Puerperal Fever								
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis								
Poliomyelitis								
Ophthalmia Neonatorum								
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	7			1		3	3	
Other Forms of Tuberculosis.....	4			1	2		1	
Totals	20		1	9	2	3	5	

Isolation Hospital: Hyde Infectious Diseases' Isolation Hospital.

Total cases removed to Hospital: { Diphtheria 4
Scarlet Fever 1—5

TABLE III.

DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Causes of, and Ages at Death during the year 1914.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Nett Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring within or without the District.								
	All Ages	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards
Enteric Fever									
Small-pox									
Measles									
Scarlet Fever									
Whooping Cough									
Diphtheria and Croup ...									
Influenza									
Erysipelas									
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	4						2		2
Tuberculous Meningitis.									
Other Tuberculous Diseases									
Cancer, Malignant Disease	7						2	3	2
Rheumatic Fever									
Meningitis									
Organic Heart Disease..	2							1	1
Bronchitis	1							1	
Pneumonia (all forms)	4	1					1	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory Organs									
Diarrhœa and Enteritis..									
Appendicitis & Typhlitis	1							1	
Cirrhosis of Liver									
Alcoholism									
Nephritis and Bright's Disease									
Puerperal Fever									
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition									
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth.	3	2	1						
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide	1							1	
Suicide									
Other Defined Diseases.	5	2						3	
Diseases Ill-defined or unknown	1								1
All Causes Certified..	29	5	1				5	11	7

TABLE IV.

DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

INFANT MORTALITY, 1914.

Nett Deaths from stated Causes at Various Ages under one Year.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
<i>All Causes:—</i>										
Certified	3	1				1				5
Uncertified										
Smallpox										
Chicken-pox										
Measles										
Scarlet Fever										
Whooping-cough										
Diphtheria and Croup										
Erysipelas										
Tuberculous Meningitis										
Abdominal Tuberculosis										
Other Tuberculous Diseases										
Meningitis (not Tuberculous) ...										
Convulsions										
Laryngitis										
Bronchitis										
Pneumonia (all forms)		1								
Diarrhoea										
Enteritis										
Gastritis										
Syphilis										
Rickets										
Suffocation, Overlying										
Injury at Birth										
Atelectasis										
Congenital Malformations										
Premature Birth	2									
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus										
Other Causes	1					1				
Totals.....	3	1				1				5

Nett Births in the year: Legitimate, 53.

Nett Deaths in the year: Legitimate Infants, 5.

MIDWIVES' ACT, 1902.

REPORT of Medical Officer of Health of Borough or District for the period extending from January 1st to December 31st, 1914.

DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1. Number of midwives in the County Register residing in the district.—Two.
2. Do all these midwives keep case books or registers, and are they fairly well kept?—Yes.
3. Have they all a supply of forms for sending for medical help, notifying the death of mother or child, notifying stillbirths, and notifying cases of laying out the dead?—Yes.
4. Are there any midwives who cannot write?—No.
5. What is the total number of cases attended by registered midwives during the period under review?—22.
6. How many records of sending for medical help have been received?—1.
7. How many deaths (*a*) of mothers, (*b*) of infants, which have occurred before the attendance of a medical practitioner have been notified by midwives?—(*a*) Nil. (*b*) Nil.
8. How many notifications have been received of midwives having laid out a dead body?—Nil.
9. (*a*) Have your Sanitary Authority made any rule prohibiting the laying out of dead bodies by midwives? If so, please append a copy.—No.
 (*b*) In such cases has adequate cleaning and disinfection (see Rule 5) been carried out?—No such cases.

10. How many still-births have been notified by midwives? A child is deemed to be still-born when it has not breathed or shown any sign of life after being completely born.—Nil.
11. How many cases of puerperal fever are known to have arisen in cases attended by registered midwives?—Nil.
12. How many cases of other infectious disease are known to have occurred in cases attended by registered midwives?—Nil.
13. What facilities afforded in the borough or district for the disinfection of midwives who have been attending cases of puerperal fever or other infectious conditions?—No special facilities.
14. Are the midwives in your district in the regular practice of (when attending confinements):—
 - (a) Wearing clean dresses of washable material that can be boiled?—Yes.
 - (b) Over this a clean washable apron or overall?—Yes.
 - (c) Wearing dresses with sleeves so made that they can be tucked well above the elbows?—Yes.
 - (d) Carrying bags with removable linings which can be disinfected?—Yes.
 - (e) Carrying the appliances prescribed by Rule E, 2 (a) and (b)?—Yes.
15. What means are in general adopted by the midwives for disinfecting instruments and appliances?—Boiling.
16. In how many instances have the midwives in your district recorded the fact of having attended after the tenth day, and appending the reason therefor?—None.
17. In how many instances have the midwives in your district noted in their Registers of Cases the necessary facts relating to the administration of drugs (Rule E 18)?—None.
18. In how many instances has the conduct of a midwife been reported to the Supervising Authority and made the subject of special inquiry?—None.

19. Have any midwives been suspended from practice? If so, reasons should be given.—No.
20. Are the midwives' houses or lodgings in a good sanitary condition and kept clean?—Yes.
21. Is the direction of the Central Midwives' Board, that the temperature and pulse should be taken and recorded in every case, systematically carried out by every midwife?—Yes.
22. Are all the midwives in your district strict in the observance of Rule E 27 (designation of midwife on card, notepaper, brass plates, &c.)?—Yes.
23. Number of inspections made by Medical Officer of Health during 1914 of midwives' homes, appliances, registers, &c.—Four.

N.B.—It is particularly requested that each Medical Officer of Health will state whether in his opinion there has been a shortage of midwives since April 1st, 1910, after which by Section (1) 2 of the Midwives Act, 1902, no woman is allowed to attend women in childbirth habitually and for gain otherwise than under the direction of a qualified medical practitioner unless she is certified under this Act. If such a shortage has been experienced, the extent of it and the portions of the district specially affected should be noted.—There has been no shortage of midwives.

(Signed) G. B. PEMBERTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

March 24th, 1915.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the year 1914 for the Rural District of Disley, on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, WORKPLACES, AND HOMEWORK.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES, including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Factories (including Factory Laundries): 9 Inspections, 3 Written Notices.

Workshops (including Workshop Laundries): 28 Inspections, 4 Written Notices.

Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report): 5 Inspections.

Total: 42 Inspections, 7 Written Notices.

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:

Want of Cleanliness: 2 found; 2 remedied.

Sanitary Accommodation (unsuitable or defective): 5 found, 4 remedied.

Total: 7 found; 6 remedied.

3.—HOME WORK.—Nil.

4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.—13.

5. - OTHER MATTERS.—Nil.

(Signed) G. B. PEMBERTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

March 24th, 1915.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

SUMMARY OF STRUCTURAL AND OTHER SANITARY WORK EXECUTED IN THE INSPECTOR'S DEPART- MENT DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1914.

1.—Ashpits emptied in Disley and Furness Vale (notified)	468
2.—All pails and dustbins are emptied once a fortnight. The dustbins have been increased from 105 to 147. All the new houses have been supplied with w.c.'s and galvanised iron dustbins, except in one case which is too far from a sewer.	
3.—Houses re-drained	28
4.—Defective drains	12
5.—Privies converted into w.c.'s	14
6.—Privies converted into pails	18
7.—Ashpits abolished and dustbins substituted	29
8.—Wet ashpits	3
9.—Privies rebuilt	2
10.—Improved water supply	6
11.—Structural defects and dampness removed	25
12.—Defects in dairies	2
13.—Overcrowding	1
14.—Accumulations of refuse	3
15.—Slaughter-house nuisances	3
16.—Houses and surroundings fumigated	8
17.—New houses erected during the year.....	13
18.—Number of houses in Disley	704
19.—Number of houses in Furness Vale	126
20.—Houses inspected under Housing Act	61

The necessary work to abate the nuisances has generally been carried out without much delay.

The slaughter-houses and water supplies have frequently been inspected.

The factories, workshops, and bakehouses were found in a satisfactory condition. The dairies and cowsheds have been periodically inspected. There has been one case of a cow with a tuberculosis udder.

C. S. RIGHTON, M.R.San.I.,

Sanitary Inspector.

Tabular Statement of Insurances for the Year ended December 31st, 1914.

Number and Nature of Inspections made.	Number	No. of Notices served.		Result of Service of Notices.		
		Statutory.	Informal.	Notices complied with.	Prosecutions.	
					Remaining in hand.	Instituted.
1. Dwelling-houses (general inspections)	83	6	19	25	—	—
2. Cellar Dwellings	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Back-to-Back Houses	17	—	2	2	—	—
4. Tents, Vans, Sheds, &c.	1	—	1	1	—	—
5. Courts, Yards, Passages.	4	—	2	2	—	—
6. Privy-Middens, Earth or Pail Closets	620	37	10	a 37	10	—
7. Cesspools	1	—	—	—	—	—
8. House Drainage	69	28	12	40	—	—
9. Ditches, Watercourses, &c.	10	1	3	3	1	—
10. Offensive Accumulations	3	—	3	3	—	—
11. The Keeping of Animals (P.H.A., 1875, S. 91 (3))....	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Offensive Trades	15	1	2	3	—	—
13. (a) Slaughterhouses (Public)	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) " (Private)	35	—	3	3	—	—
14. Other Places where Food is produced or sold.....	10	—	—	—	—	—
15. Piggeries	14	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Dairies	24	—	2	2	—	—
(b) Cowsheds	26	—	4	4	—	—
(c) Milkshops	—	—	—	—	—	—
16. (a) Factories	9	—	3	2	1	—
(b) Workshops	28	—	4	4	—	—
(c) Workplaces	5	—	2	2	—	—
(d) Outworkers' Premises	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Bakehouses (Overground)	6	—	2	2	—	—
" (Underground)	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Common Lodging-houses	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Houses let in Lodgings	5	—	—	—	—	—
20. Smoke Observations	12	—	1	1	—	—
21. Canal Boats	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Infectious Disease Inquiries and Revisits	16	—	—	—	—	—
23. Miscellaneous	5	—	5	5	—	—
Totals.....	1018	73	80	141	b 12	—

a 14 of these are conversions to W.C.'s.

b In nearly all these cases the works are in progress

